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RE: 7914179093727383 - Identification of losses to follow-up in a community-based antiretroviral therapy clinic in South Africa using a computerized pharmacy tracking system

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Dear Editor,

Thank you for your email of the 21st October 2010. We are pleased that our paper was found to be acceptable for publication in *BMC Infectious Diseases* and we have made the requested changes to ensure that it conforms to the standard of the journal. Below we have responded to the points raised by your team:

**Formatting changes to be made:**

*Major revisions (we require the author to make these changes)*

**Structure:** Please insert a heading titled 'Conclusions' after the discussion.

The title conclusion has been added on page 10.

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larger table. Please note that we are unable to display text vertically within the cells: please re-layout your table without these vertical elements.

Table 2 has been merged into two larger tables and no longer contains vertical elements.

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All minor revisions have been made accordingly in the manuscript.

We thank the Biomed Central Editorial Team for helping us to make the manuscript conform to the journal style. We hope that this revised version meets the standards of the journal. We look forward to your feedback in due course.

Yours sincerely,

Mweete D. Nglazi, on behalf of the co-authors